

other day, they certainly will know that they had a \$28 to \$30 exemption and we are now going to put them back on the tax rolls for an additional \$28, \$30. Further, LB 640 does have that provision in there. I think we're doing Senator Newell an injustice by taking parts of his bill and adding it to LB 407. If we do want this done, then I suggest that we wait until LB 640 comes on the floor. There are portions of LB 640 that we may want to pass even though it is going to be a part of a bill, it is in there along with the renters and the deletion of the \$28 to \$30 exemption that everybody gets. I urge the members of this body to wait until 640 comes across the board and vote the way they feel is necessary about eliminating the \$28 to \$30. It's a bad year to do it now and 1979 we will be reevaluating and I don't think it is necessary until after all is done. Maybe in a year or two we could do it. I'm not saying it is not a bad amendment but on LB 407 I would prefer that this would not be attached to the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, I commend Senator DeCamp for bringing this very worthwhile amendment to this body. We had an opportunity to give property tax relief last week with 899. That would have been a meaningful way to cut spending, but to try to give property tax relief in this piecemeal fashion at the rate of \$10 to \$15 to \$20 to \$25 a home, regardless of income, regardless of need, regardless of age, regardless of type of home, regardless of family situation, is an expenditure of General Fund dollars, six million of them, six million of those General Fund dollars, that is a poor way to do it. I think Senator DeCamp is on the right track. I think Senator Newell and his circuit breaker which had this provision in it was on the right track. I think this Legislature can get on the right track by putting this particular amendment on LB 407. To me, to spend \$6,000,000 in a year when the budget is going to be tight, Senator Warner has indicated that numerous times on this floor as our Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, that there are a lot of dire needs and this isn't one of them. This is not a high priority item. This is money that goes to people that do not need it. Now the Homestead Exemption and last week and three or four times we tried to bring in other people who we felt really needed a tax break or an exemption, such as those people living in mobile homes, such as those stick houses on lakes, now that property in trust that we just adopted a few minutes ago, to include this \$6,000,000 just spread out blanket across the state is wrong. I think the people of the State of Nebraska are fair. I think the people of the State of Nebraska are concerned about those people with low incomes over age sixty five who have problems staying in their home, but this \$6,000,000 does not go to that type of person. This \$6,000,000 probably, in all probability goes to a lot of people right on this floor. So I would urge this body to adopt Senator DeCamp's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, a question of Senator Labeledz if she would yield.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: What affect does Senator DeCamp's amendment have upon the total interest and objectives of this bill?